REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6-15, 17, 19, and 25-35 were pending in the application. Claims 18 and 20-24 have been withdrawn, subject to rejoinder upon allowance of the pending claims. The present Amendment cancels claim 30, and adds new claims 36 and 37. Thus, upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 1, 2, 6-15, 17, 19, 25-29, and 31-37 will be pending.

Applicant notes with appreciation the telephone Interview granted by the Examiner in the present application on March 30, 2011. Applicant agrees with the statements made in the Interview Summary mailed on April 12, 2011.

Claims 9, 10, 31, 32, and 35 have been rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully submits

Claims 1, 2, 6-15, 17, 19, and 25-35 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,421,879 to Gratz et al.

Independent claims 1 and 29 have been amended as agreed upon during the Interview. Claim 1 has been amended to recite a bicycle bar grip comprising, *inter alia*, a holding portion and a supporting portion that project in a <u>first direction</u>, and a holding bar end extension that projects in a <u>second direction</u>, wherein the <u>first direction is opposite to the second direction</u>. Claim 29 has been amended to recite a bicycle bar grip comprising, *inter alia*, a clamp comprises a holding bar that extends in a <u>first direction</u> away from a sleeve, and a holding portion that extends in a <u>second direction away from the sleeve</u>, wherein the <u>first direction is opposite to the second direction</u>.

As stated in the Interview Summary, Applicant's representatives and the Examiner agreed that the present amendments overcome the references of record. Therefore, claim 1 is patentable over Gratz, as are claims 2, 6 -15, 17, 19, and 25-27, which depend therefrom. Claim 29 is also patentable over Gratz, as are claims 31-35,

which depend therefrom. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-15, 17, 19, and 25-35 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Gratz be reconsidered and withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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